

Texas Tides Document Analysis Sheet # 2 - Grade 7 Caddo Culture

Teaching Transcription: a letter from Charles A. Sewall to George Aldrich.

Shreveport, La.
Feb. 22nd 1839

George Aldrich Esquire

Dear Sir,

My old friend...I know there is a bad feeling existing towards me in your country on account of my advocating the cause of the poor Caddos. I am their agent, and, placed as I am, I am bound to protect their interest when I know they are innocent of charges alleged against them. Please do me the favor to say you know that I have never supplied the Caddos with arms to fight against your people. General Rusk has promised to publish this fact to the world, or his people. Write me on the receipt of this and oblige your friend.

Charles A. Sewall

Use the letter above to answer the following questions.

1. Details of the Letter

Date of the letter: _____

Author of the letter and his position in the government: _____

Intended audience for the document: _____

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B. Why do you think this document was written?

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